

<u>1947</u>	
January 02	Bud Stedinger W6CX, Lyle Gardenhire W6RUZ, Marion Doss, W6ICU and N.C. Dahl (with O.W. Peterson W6LGW via radio) met at the home of Bud Stedinger to formulate plans for founding an Amateur Radio Club.
January 09	The Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club (MDARC) was officially founded by the above five people at the home of Bud Stedinger W6CX. The Club's 1st President: Bud Stedinger W6CX The Club's 1st Vice President: O.W. Peterson W6LGW The Club's 1st Sec/Treas.: Lyle Gardenhire W6RUZ
January 17	The first meeting of MDARC was held, at the Walnut Creek Grammar School. 28 people became members that night.
April 18	The bylaws were amended to add two directors to the Board. Chuck Patterson, W6RTR, and Dom Lucido, W6IDY, were elected.
May 01	Club Charter Membership closed with 48 Charter Members. See http://www.mdarc.org/about-us/history-of-the-club/charter-members for a list.
June 20	The bylaws were amended to empower the Board of Directors to conduct the club business and pay routine bills not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) per bill.
July 18	MDARC was incorporated.
<u>1948</u>	
July 13	MDARC became officially affiliated with the ARRL.
September 19	The first Diablo Club Net was held at 8:00 P.M. Sunday, September 19th, on 3885 Kc.
October 15	Club dues were raised to \$2.00 per year.
<u>1949</u>	

November 18	The Bylaws were amended to 1.) Replace the Board position of Secretary-Treasurer with Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary; 2.) Make the Program Chairman one of the duties of the Vice-President.
<u>1950</u>	
June 16	The first auction was held.
August	Founder, first president Bud Stedinger, W6CX, was appointed Asst. ARRL Director for the Pacific Division.
<u>1951</u>	
November 16	The position of Emergency Coordinator was created for the Board. Jack Tait, W6IT, was elected for 1952.
<u>1953</u>	
February	The first edition of the <i>Carrier</i> newsletter was published; named and edited by Jack R. Lewis, W6IHR. (Per the <i>Carrier</i> , July, 1981; with date revision from the June, 1958 <i>Carrier</i> edition.)
<u>1952-1954</u>	
(date unknown)	The Club's first call sign was assigned; W6LUF.
<u>1955</u>	
(date unknown)	Founder, first president Bud Stedinger, W6CX, passed away.
<u>1956</u>	
January 20	Efforts began to adopt W6CX as a Club call, in commemoration of founder, first president, Bud Stedinger, W6CX.
March 16	The Constitution was completely revised. (<i>Details not available.</i>)
June	Call sign W6CX was assigned to Club, replacing Club's first call, W6LUF. The trustee was Fred Caudel, W6DEX.

August	A trailer was purchased from Porter's TV, Walnut Creek.
<u>1958</u>	
November 21	Hazel Stedinger, XYL of founder, first president Bud Stedinger, W6CX (SK) was given an honorary Club membership.
<u>1965</u>	
August	John Howell, WA6MIE, becomes trustee of Club call W6CX, replacing Fred Caudel, W6DEX.
October 15	Proposals were made to the members regarding the operation of a 2-meter FM repeater on Mt. Diablo, using the club call W6CX.
October 15	A repeater was installed (somewhere; Rocky Ridge?) on frequency pair 147.06/66 MHz and using the call sign WR6AHK later in the year.
November 19	A proposal for the establishment of the Rocky Ridge Repeater Group, as a committee of MDARC, was submitted to the membership.
<u>1966</u>	
December 16	Club membership stood at 99.
<u>1967</u>	
February	The Club obtained its own PO Box for the first time. Address: MT. DIABLO AMATEUR CLUB P.O. Box 23222 Pleasant Hill, Calif. 94523
<u>1968</u>	
March 15	Pete Peterson, W6LGW, became trustee of Club call W6CX, replacing John Howell, WA6MIE.
October	"Repeater frequency moved from 146.94 to 147.06 MHz, but input frequency still 147. 80 Mhz. Repeater soon to be moved to Rocky Ridge. Will still try for Mt. Diablo."

1969

January 17

Free membership for members going into the Service.

March

Repeater in operation at its new location. Good coverage except for an area in Antioch vicinity. *(Exact location not stated.)*

August 01

The operating rules of the Rocky Ridge Repeater Group (RRRG) were submitted to the MDARC Board of Directors by Chairman Bob Richter, W6HOF, and unanimously approved.

1970

December

Club received a donation from the Red Cross of a Ford 'Econoline' Van, among other goodies.

1971

March

450 MHz repeater installed on Rocky Ridge.

April

Chevy step-van obtained by Red Cross for use of the MDARC. Not in full working order. *(Don't know what happened to the 'Econoline'.)*

1972

January 01

Bylaws changed to raise dues from \$3.00 to \$5.00, "to meet rising costs of Carrier material and other anticipated expenditures."

1973

June

Letter from NARCC requesting W6CX repeater use the official frequencies of 147.66 and 147.06 MHz. "Frequencies 443.80 and 448.80 Mhz are now utilized by Wendell Peterson, K6POU and Bob Richter, W6HOF, and others as an in-band repeater."

1974

October 18

"Motion passed authorizing a \$30 maximum expenditure, rather than \$20 which has been in effect for several years, from the Club Treasury without a vote from the membership."

November 15	"This month to be the last meeting at the Red Cross Building due to its being sold." Future meetings were held at the Grace Presbyterian Church.
<u>1975</u>	
April 18	Membership is 199.
August 15	"Chuck Breeding, ARRL SCM, reported that MDARC is now the #1 Club in the Pacific Division, in membership and activity."
<u>1976</u>	
January 16	"Trusteeship of Club Call W6CX, accepted by Hal Mumford, W6CU".
April (Date unknown)	The Red Cross moved into their new building at 1300 Alberta Way, Concord. Requested to have an antenna mounted on the new building. A W6LGW Memorial Station to be installed at the Red Cross Building. Harry Cameron, W6RVC, is Trustee for the W6LGW Memorial Station. The station is in memory of Founder & 1st vice-president, Pete Peterson, W6LGW.
May (Date Unknown)	"A new radio store, "The Base Station," is located at 2101 Pacheco St., Concord." (<i>Owned & operated by Art Mayoff, VE2AQV.</i>)
October 15	Membership is 312.
<u>1978</u>	
April	A repeater using frequencies 147.06/147.66 was established on Mt. Diablo, call sign WR6ACP and owned by the Mt. Diablo Repeater Association, under an oral agreement with the Rocky Ridge Repeater Group.
November 20	Carl Cook, WA6JUD, was elected trustee of the W6CX call sign by the Rocky Ridge Repeater Group.
<u>1979</u>	

February	The <i>Carrier</i> newsletter won first place nationwide in the 300-399 readership class in a contest sponsored by the Amateur Radio News Service.
October 13	The W6LGW Memorial Station was activated for the first time at the Red Cross building on Alberta Way in Concord.
December	The Kilroy Key Award was created. The actual plaque was designed and donated by member Dick Squires, KA6JGP; but was delayed until March, 1980. Per that month's <i>Carrier</i> , "The Kilroy Key will be awarded to a member of MDARC felt to be 'The Most Outstanding Contributor to the Betterment of Ham Radio'". The 1979 Kilroy Key was awarded posthumously to Hank Herting, W6AMH (SK), as the first recipient.
<u>1980</u>	
January	The FCC's General Council declared that volunteer amateur exams are illegal. "The judgment appears to stem from recent Congressional concern that some government agencies were improperly expanding their staffs without approval of Congress, by use of volunteers and contractors. When the legal staff reviewed the volunteer program in connection with Docket 20679, they concluded it is illegal and thus must be terminated." <i>No information on whether the termination actually took effect.</i>
April	MDARC Board meetings, traditionally held in members' homes, will henceforth be held at the Contra Costa County OES (Office of Emergency Services) Office.
May	Per the <i>Carrier</i> , May, 1980, "A new Pacific Division Award will be presented at the Pacific Division Convention banquet next year. It will be called 'THE RADIO CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD'. The outstanding club will receive a permanent trophy & will be the custodian of the perpetual trophy until the next Division Convention." (<i>See the Carrier for more details.</i>)
May	The Monday night traffic net on the W6LGW Memorial Station was discontinued "by the Red Cross Response Team due to the extreme lack of interest by club members."
June	A proposal was published in the <i>Carrier</i> "that RRRG become an independent repeater group instead of a committee of MDARC". Controversy ensues.

June 30	The August edition of the <i>Carrier</i> reports that the U.S. amateur population stood at 385,625 as of June 30.
July	Letters were published in the <i>Carrier</i> concerning the RRRG status and the MDARC/RRRG relationship with the Mt. Diablo Repeater Association (MDRA); in particular its shared use of the 147.06/66 MHz frequency pair (MDARC's WR6AHK & MDRA's K6POU/R). Further correspondence follows this date.
July 22	The MDARC Board signed a letter to the chairman of the MDRA concerning the shared use of the 147.06/66 MHz frequency pair. The letter was mailed to all MDARC members requesting they sign & return a vote of confidence ballot on the issue.
September	The ARRL Pacific Division awarded MDARC its first Radio Club Of The Year Award at the annual Pacific Division convention. (See the May entry.)
November 21	The Membership passed a motion to increase the dues from \$5 to \$10. An added family member will be \$5. Additional family members then may join for \$2.50 (all at the same address).
December	Membership is 325.
December 04	A meeting was held between representatives from MDARC and MDRA, with representative(s) from the Northern Amateur Relay Council (NARC) as observer(s), to resolve the issues of repeater operations between the two groups.
<u>1981</u>	
January 31	MDARC hosted the ARRL Pacific Division Directorate convention/meeting; held at the Holiday Inn, Concord.
March 23	Jay Caldis, KT6Y (ex-WB6PUA), was appointed trustee for call sign W6CX by the Board, replacing Hal Mumford.
June	The Club's 2-meter repeater (WR6AHK) was back on the air after being down for several months.

August (Date Unknown)	The Rocky Ridge repeater call signs were changed. Former 2-meter repeater WR6AHK and former 220 repeater WR6ARG were both changed to W6CX/R.
<u>1982</u>	
June 26-27	Operating from atop Mt. Diablo on Field Day, MDARC operators held an optical CW contact with San Joaquin Valley using a blinker/sight transmitter pair and eyeball receivers in the 5000 Angstrom (500 nm, or 600 THz) band. CW speed was about 3 WPM over a distance of about 21 nautical miles (24 statute miles).
October 8-10	MDARC again won the Club of the Year Award in the large club category at the annual ARRL Pacific Division Convention in Santa Cruz. MDARC won the award the first time it was given, in 1980. It was not awarded in 1981.
November	The first mention of what may have become the Air Force's "PAVE PAWS" radar system was in the November, 1982 <i>Carrier</i> . "According to the <i>Tacoma News Tribune</i> , McCord Air Force Base near that city is under consideration to become part of one of the proposed American 'over-the-horizon pulsed radar systems'". "If the proposed system is built, the transmitters will probably be located at sites in Christmas Valley, Oregon, with receivers at or near Alturas , CA".
<u>1983</u>	
February	The February, 1983 <i>Carrier</i> included a letter from the "OV-Eching C26 Chapter DARC", a club in Eching, "a northern suburb of Munich", Germany. They describe DARC as the German version of ARRL. The letter proposes establishing a sister club relationship between the clubs. The Board decided at their February 21 meeting to "exchange newsletters to start with". Later, regular contacts on HF were scheduled, mutual visits happened.
<u>1984</u>	
January 23	(<i>Interesting, but non-MDARC related, news item</i>). The first ham was sentenced to prison for ham radio violations. See the February, 1984 edition of the <i>Carrier</i> for details.
March 16	A proposal was presented to change the call sign of the 2-meter repeater from W6CX to W6KLM, in memory of recent silent key Doug Lortsher. The call W6CX would be retained for the 220 MHz repeater. The proposal was later withdrawn at the request of the Lortsher family.

April 28-29	The Club's first camping trip was held in Louiston, about 25 miles west of Redding; hosted by Don Bertrand, N6EEQ.
June 22-23	MDARC won first place in the 6- call sign area, and 8th nationwide, in the 5A class during Field –
July 23	Establishing MDARC as a volunteer examiner group and examiner coordinator began, in response to the FCC's recent Report & Order allowing amateurs to administer the tests. The Education Committee was made responsible for the Volunteer Examiner Program.
<u>1985</u>	
February 21	The weekly Thursday night Club "MDARC Net" began at 7:30 PM; with Jay Caldis, KT6Y, as net control.
<u>1986</u>	
December	An MDARC 440 MHz repeater went on the air for the first time, using 441.325 MHz and no PL. It was a General Electric Master Pro machine designed for the 450 MHz band.
<u>1987</u>	
April	The April, 1987 edition of the <i>Carrier</i> has an article that includes discussion of the Club celebrating its 40th year.
April 21	The Contra Costa Sheriff's Uniform Level IV group officially began, under the coordination of Vicki Zumwalt, N6KLS, when Sheriff Rainey swore the original members in at the County Court "
May, 1987	An article by ARRL Pacific Division Director Rod Stafford, KB6ZV, used the term "Pacificon" for the first time in the June, 1987 edition of the <i>Carrier</i> ; in reference to the ARRL Pacific Division convention. The convention was held October 2-4, 1987 in San Jose.
<u>1988</u>	
January 01	Vicki Zumwalt, N6KLS, became MDARC's first female president.
June	MDARC's first digipeater was installed on Mt. Diablo, using the call sign W6CX-1.

October 15	MDARC's 2-meter repeater activated a PL tone for the first time, a recent requirement by our site landlord to reduce interference among site users. PL was added to the 220 MHz repeater on Dec. 3; and the 440 MHz repeater had PL added earlier in the year. The tone for the 2-meter and 440 MHz repeaters is 100 Hz; while the 220 MHz repeater uses 77 Hz.
<u>1989</u>	
October 17	An earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale hit northern California, killing more than 60 people, injuring over 2,400 and leaving at least 10,000 homeless. Due to failed or intermittent communications, amateur radio was involved in the response in a major way; as hams were dispatched to several police and fire stations, hospitals, PG&E, the Red Cross and other locations. See the full reports in the November and December, 1989 editions of the <i>Carrier</i> .
<u>1990</u>	
August	MDARC became an ARRL <u>Special Service Club</u> for the first time.
November 21	The Rocky Ridge Repeater Group Board voted to accept the donation of an ATV repeater, in operation on Mt. Diablo for the last few years, to RRRG and change its call sign to W6CX-ATV. This is the first Club-owned ATV repeater.
<u>1991</u>	
February 14	The new code-free Technician Class license became effective.
March 15	The MDARC membership voted to have future Club meetings at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Lafayette. The Board had voted its approval at its February 26 meeting. Meetings had been held at the Grace Presbyterian Church in Walnut Creek for the last several years.
April 19	The first Club meeting at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Lafayette was held. Auction night. We had over 155 bidders (the most to date) and earned over \$2,200 for the Club.
August	In the August, 1991 issue of the <i>Carrier</i> , Paul Girard, KC6TZU, PR and Publicity chairman for PACIFICON '92 announced, "the winning design was submitted by Seymour Snaer, KB60CI of Moraga. He is a retired award winning <i>Examiner</i> photographer."



1992

July 15

On a motion by Tim Barrett, WD6BIV, the Rocky Ridge Repeater Group unanimously voted to enact a dress code for using all repeaters. See the August, 1992 edition of the *Carrier*.

October 16-18

MDARC hosted its first Pacificon, the ARRL Pacific Division convention, at the Concord Hilton hotel. The theme was "Emergency Preparedness". Gordon West, WB6NOA, was our first keynote speaker at the banquet. Club President Pete Tormey, N6QGN, served as our first Pacificon Chairman. Estimates in the November and December editions of the *Carrier* put attendance in the area of 2,200. Pacificon was previously hosted by the Santa Clara Amateur Radio Association in San Jose, who wished to pass it on to another club. The 1991 convention was cancelled.

October 20

The Board approved Dick Brown's, KT6X, request to become the trustee of the memorial call sign W6LGW.

1993

January 31

A short report in the February, 1993 edition of the *Carrier* by Membership Chair George Jones, KI6YK, states that club membership was at 525 as of January 31. It includes a table that demonstrates the Club's rapid growth over the previous six years; growing from 146 on April 1, 1987 to the current number.

September	MDARC was named as ARRL Club of the Year for 1992 in the Pacific Division.
<u>1995</u>	
April 21	The Club membership approved the purchase of a public event trailer.
June 16	The new Club trailer was obtained from B-C Trailer Sales, the Wells Cargo dealer in Manteca.
October 20	The first Pacificon Antenna Seminar was presented on Friday, October 20, 1995 at the Concord Hilton.
November 20	Membership Chair Dick Schulze, AA6DL, reported at the November 20 Board meeting that membership stood at 677.
December 12	The 250 ft tower on the South Peak of Mt. Diablo was toppled by winds exceeding 130 mph; destroying the Club's antennas for 2 meters, 220 MHz, 440 MHz, and ATV.
1996	
January 19	The membership chair reported membership to be 690 at the membership meeting.
1997	
May 16	The general membership approved a substantial revision of the Club bylaws, including increasing the number of directors-at-large from two to four.
June	Diablo Communications, manager of the Mt. Diablo South Peak radio site, was purchased by American Tower Systems.
August 04	The Board of Directors formally disbanded the Rocky Ridge Repeater Group and reconstituted it as the Repeater Operations Committee. This was for financial needs as a result of the lease agreement with the new Mt. Diablo site manager, which significantly increased the payments. At the subsequent general meeting on August 15, the membership voted to rename the committee the Rocky Ridge Repeater Committee.

1998

- March 07 The rebuild of the repeater systems damaged when the Mt. Diablo tower collapsed in high winds on December 12, 1995 was officially completed.
- October 16-18 MDARC hosted Pacificon at the Sheraton Hotel in Concord for the first time, moving from the Hilton Hotel.
- October 16-18 At Pacificon, MDARC was presented a plaque from the ARRL commemorating the Club's 50 years of ARRL affiliation.

2000

- April 15 The FCC's restructuring of CFR Part 97 took effect, including reducing the number of amateur radio license classes from five to three; Technician, General and Amateur Extra; and providing a single Morse Code requirement, 5 WPM.

2001

- September 11 Terrorists flew commercial aircraft into the World Trade Center in New York City, among other locations. An eye-witness report by our Bart Lee, K6VK, is in the October, 2001 edition of the *Carrier*.

2002

- January 01 After 17 years, Jay Caldis, KT6Y, ended his career as the primary net control of the Thursday night Club net. John Schulze, KR6CR, replaced him, with Jay serving as backup.

2003

- Date Unknown EchoLink was implemented on the MDARC repeaters.

2007

- August The transmit power on the Club's 440 MHz repeater on Mt. Diablo was reduced to below a watt at the request of the U.S. Air Force, due to the interference it was causing to its Pave Paws radar.
- September 21 President Marty Heyman announced at the Club meeting that Tom Deeble, KA6SIP, would be the new membership chair. He has served in that position through at least 2019.

2009	
April 10	The IRS approved MDARC's status as a public charity under tax code section 503(c)3, retroactive to February 28, 2009.
July	Club Yahoo email reflector groups were created.
August	Matthew Vurek, N4DLA, published his first <i>Carrier</i> newsletter.
October	Pacificon was not held, due to excessive cost requirements from the hotel.
2011	
February	"The W6CX D-STAR repeater was on the air in less than twenty-four hours at the QTH of W8DOD after the MDARC membership approved the project at our last meeting on February 18! The repeater was fully operational by Tuesday February 22, 2011 at the South Peak site on Mt. Diablo.. (147.425000 - 1.00000 MHz)". (Quoted from the March, 2011 <i>Carrier</i> .)
March 11	MDARC was registered as a charitable trust by the California Attorney General.
2012	
January 20	The Club membership approved the Technical Committee's recommendation to the MDARC Board to move the ATV repeater to Mt. Diablo North Peak.
October 12-14	MDARC hosted the ARRL National Convention at the Santa Clara Marriott. Astronaut Lee Morin, Ph.D., MD, was the keynote speaker. The last time the National Convention was hosted in the Pacific Division was 1965.
October 12-14	John Ronan, K3ZJJ, the Club's immediate past president, received the ARRL Pacific Division "Ham of the Year" award at Pacificon 2012.
2013	

July	The Club's APRS digipeater was moved from Rocky Ridge to Mt. Diablo's North Peak, after the Rocky Ridge site's tower was sabotaged and fell.
September 8-9	A major fire engulfed much of Mt. Diablo, threatening (but not damaging) the South Peak radio site. Our equipment on North Peak was disabled, due to a fire-caused power failure. It did not sustain any apparent damage, but other ham radio repeaters were consumed by smoke, fire and the water applied by firefighters to extinguish the blaze.
2014	
January	MDARC's Facebook page was created at: https://www.facebook.com/mdarc.org .
January 04	The Digital Media Committee was created at the Board meeting. Chaired by David Molstad KK6GSC. A motion was passed that "All Digital Media representing MDARC will have no less than two members of good standing, one being a board member, as moderators".
April 07	The Board of Directors voted to "Self insure all MDARC equipment and no longer use US Marsh to insure MDARC equipment".
May 05	The Membership voted to purchase a new Motorola MTR 3000 repeater to replace the current 2-meter repeater, which was almost 20 years old and past its expected life.
2015	
April 01	A new site manager assumed responsibility for the Mt. Diablo South Peak repeater site. ComSites West replaced American Tower Corp.
June 19	The club's DX Interest Group began, holding its first meeting before the regular Club membership meeting.
September 07	The Club's Amateur Television (ATV) transmitter output became fully digital, with the completion of the new digital equipment and the decommissioning of the analog transmitter. The first DATV net was held Sept 10, 2015.
2016	

October 06	MDARC took possession of a decommissioned television station Electronic News Gathering (ENG) van, donated by KGO-TV in San Francisco. The vehicle is a year 2000 Ford E-350 with an onboard pneumatic mast, generator, operating station and many more amenities.
Nov. 18	The membership approved an amendment to the Bylaws to allow electronic meetings.
2017	
March 22	The Sunnyvale Ham Radio Outlet (HRO) store closed, consolidating into the Oakland location.
March	Web-based membership applications and renewals became active.
2018	
April 27	All Club email distribution groups were moved from Yahoo to Groups.io.
July 01	Past MDARC President, Pacificon Chair (and multiple other positions) Jim Siemens, W6LK, began his position as ARRL East Bay Section Manager.
2020	
March 20	The general Club meeting was canceled, due to the COVID-19 pandemic-caused lockdowns.
April 17	The Auction was cancelled and the Club held its first ever all-virtual membership meeting, due to the lockdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual-only meetings continued for over a year.
June 27-28	Field Day was canceled, due to the COVID-19 pandemic-caused lockdowns.
October 16-18	Pacificon was canceled, due to the COVID-19 pandemic-caused lockdowns.
December 06	The Club's annual Holiday Banquet was canceled, due to the COVID-19 pandemic-caused lockdowns. In its place, a virtual celebration was held by videoconference, with Bob Heil, K9EID, as our keynote speaker.
2021	
April 16	The Club's first ever all-virtual Auction was held by video conference. 92 items were sold.

October 15-17	Pacificon was held in-person, with a strict vaccinate-or-test requirement to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.
December 05	The Club's annual Holiday Banquet was again canceled, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In its place, a standard Club membership meeting was held on Dec. 17, to announce our annual awards and invite members to tell their stories.